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1. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE CONSIDERING CONTINUED ELIGI-
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BILITY OF "GRAY-AREA" COUNTRIES FOR GSP DECIDED ON DECEMBER

18, BASED UPON REPORTED DEVELOPMENTS SINCE TRANSMISSION OF REF C IN EARLY NOVEMBER, THAT BANGLADESH IS REPEAT IS PRESENTLY TAKING STEPS TO DISCHARGE ITS OBLIGATIONS TO U.S. PROPERTY OWNERS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 502(B)(4)(D)(II) OF THE TRADE ACT.

2. FOREGOING DECISION MEANS THAT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO REASON AT THIS TIME TO DENY GSP TO BANGLADESH ON GROUNDS OF EXPROPRIATION. WE DO, HOWEVER, REVIEW ALL OUTSTANDING CASES OF EXPROPRIATION OF AMERICAN PROPERTY ABROAD ON A CONTINUING BASIS. IN VIEW OF THE LONGSTANDING CLAIMS OF U.S. CITIZENS IN BANGLADESH, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE BDG TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM TOWARD SETTLEMENT IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF GSP ELIGIBILITY, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF HICKENLOOPER AND GONZALEZ AMENDMENTS.

3. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS IN CONVEYING POINTS MADE REFS B AND C TO APPROPRIATE BDG OFFICIALS, AND ITS TIMELY REPORTING OF DEVELOPMENTS BEARING UPON OUR DECISION. KISSINGER

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